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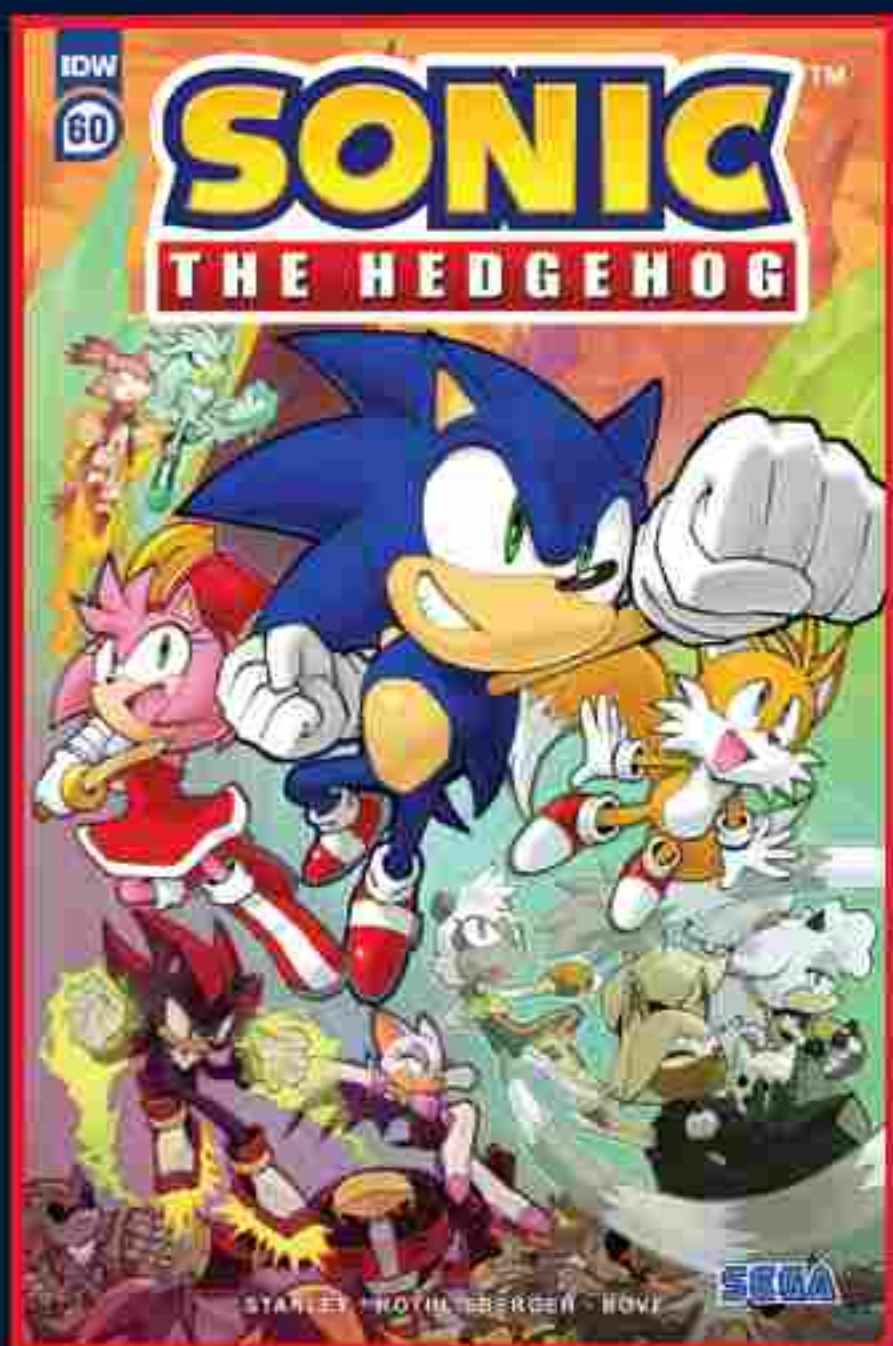
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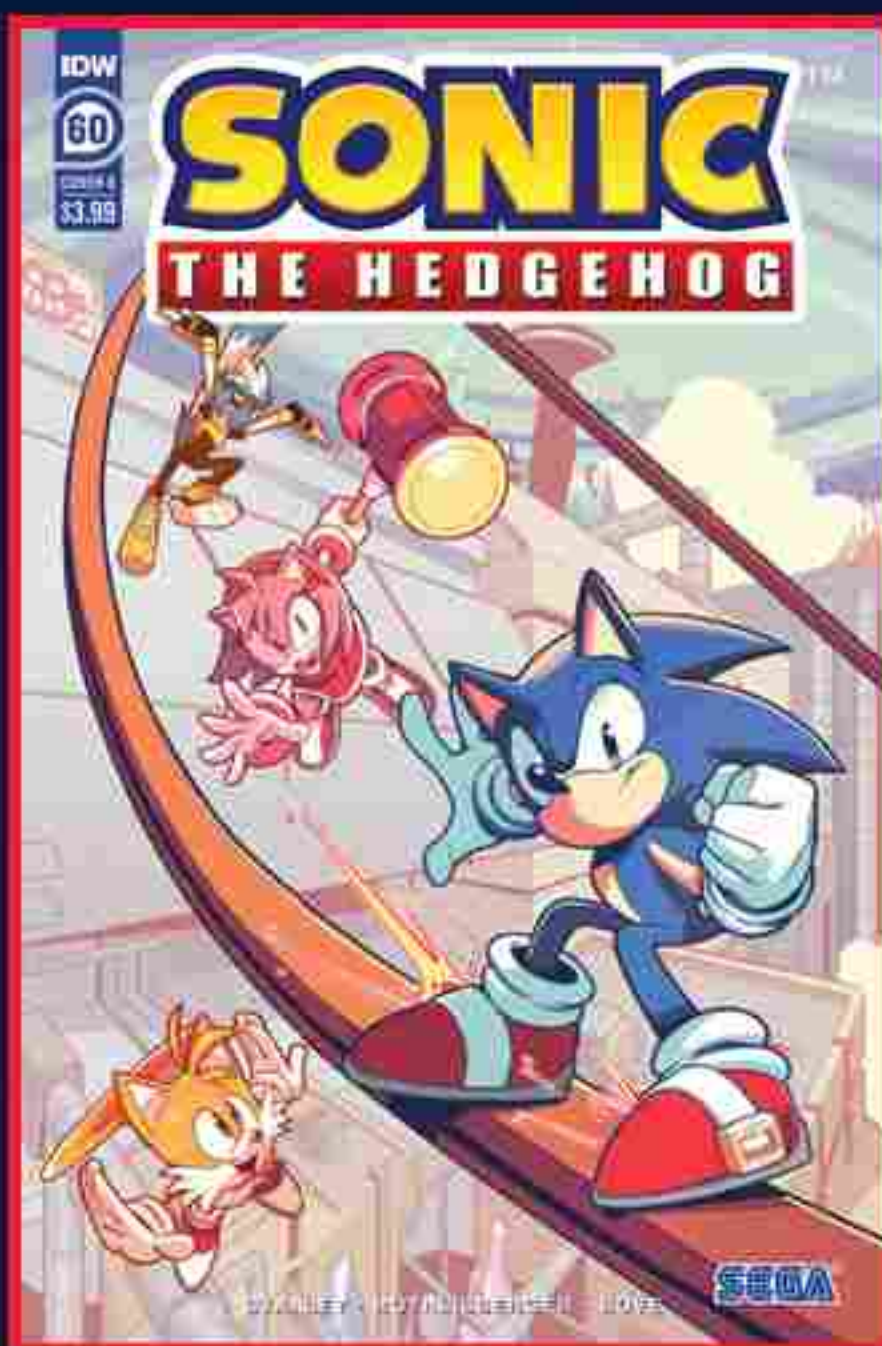
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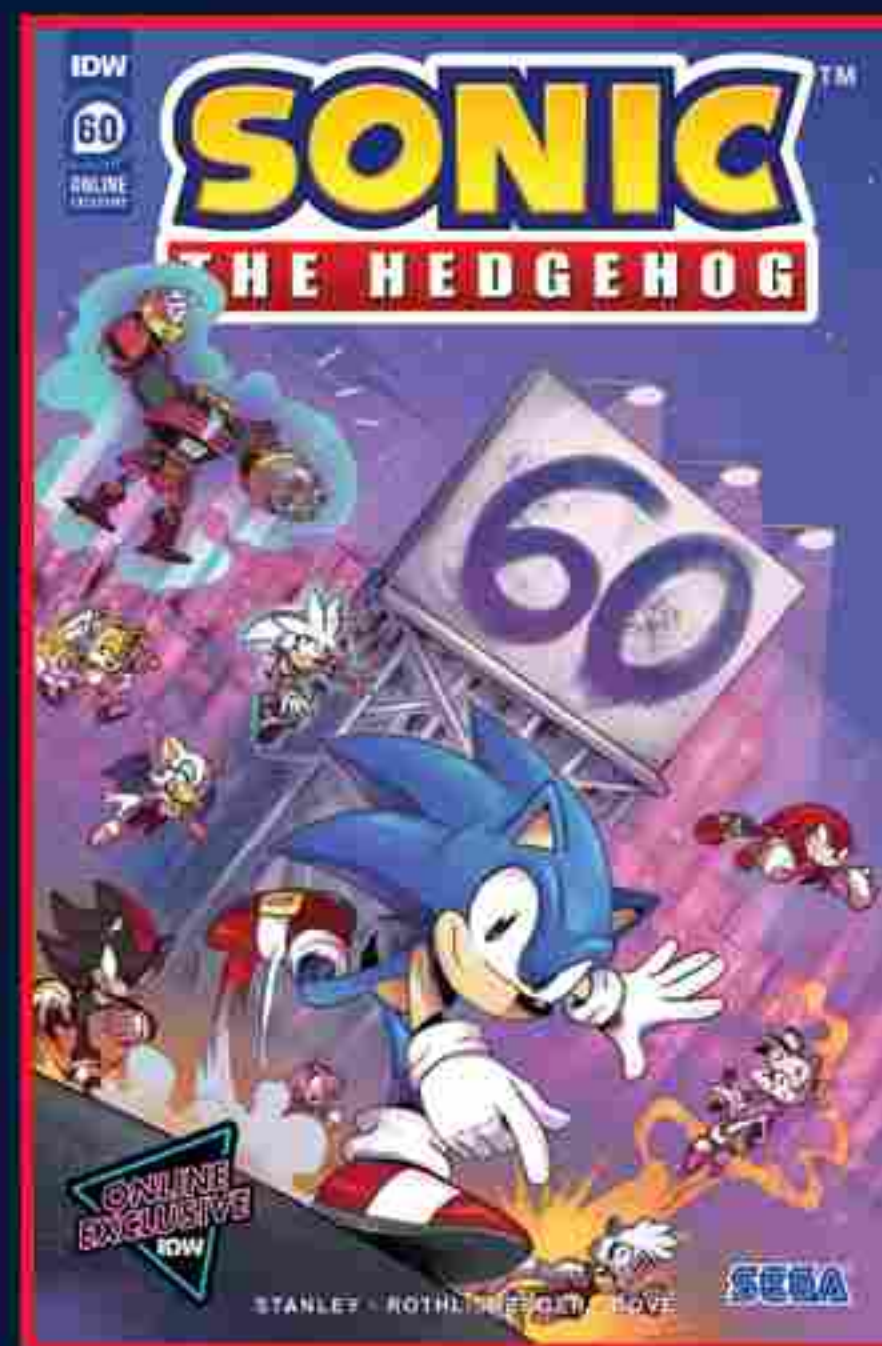
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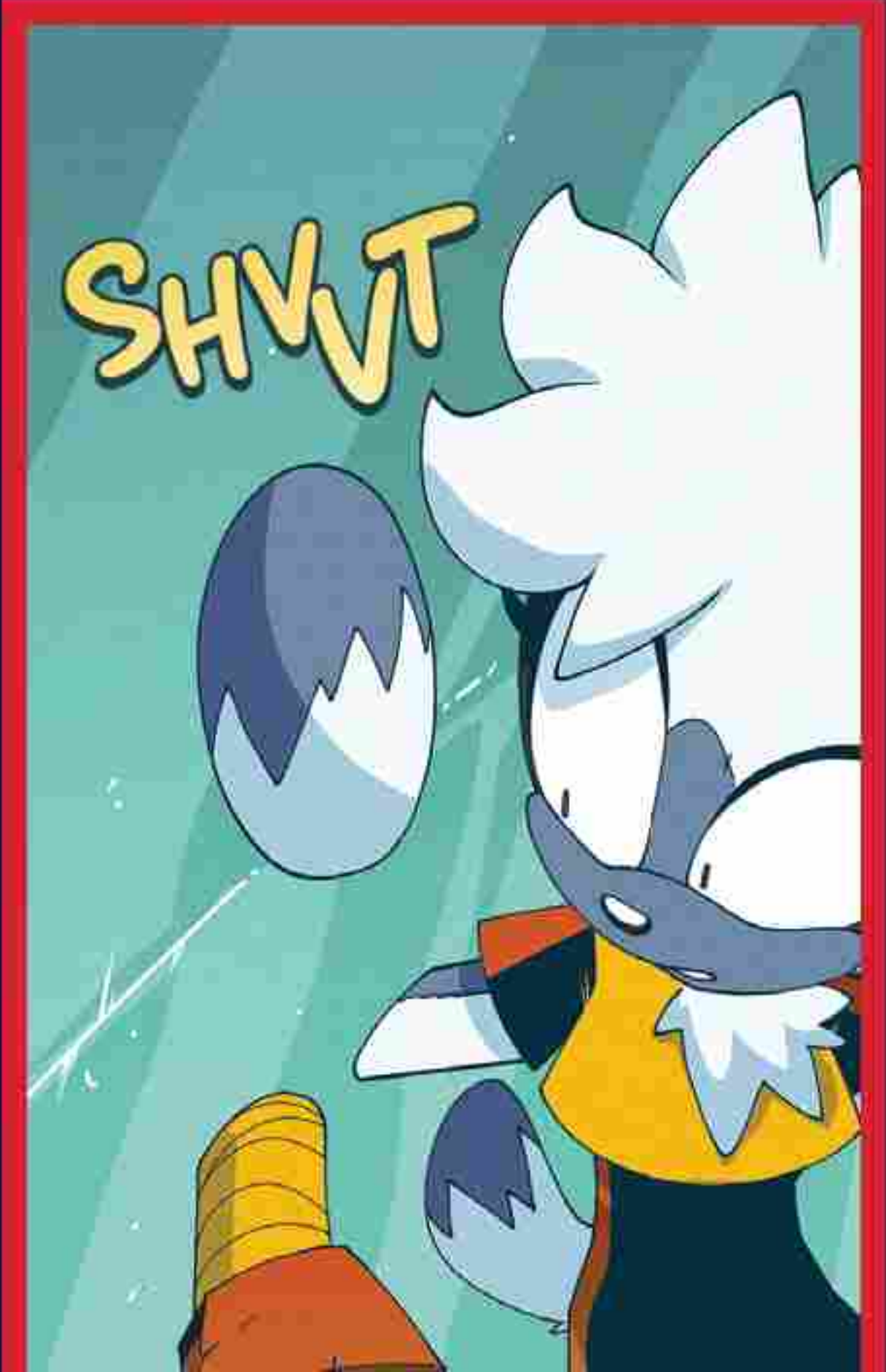
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STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



TANGLE THE LEMUR

Excitable Hero.
Diamond Cutter.



WHISPER THE WOLF

Silent Sniper.
Diamond Cutter.



LANOLIN THE SHEEP

Woolen Warrior.
Diamond Cutter.



AMY ROSE

Hammer-Swinging Heroine.
Restoration ally.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-Savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



SILVER THE HEDGEHOG

Young Psychic Hero.
Friend from the future.



BLAZE THE CAT

Fire-Powered Princess.
Friend from another dimension.



SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG

The Ultimate Life Form.
Sonic's grim rival.



ROUGE THE BAT

Treasure-Hunting Spy.
Restoration ally.



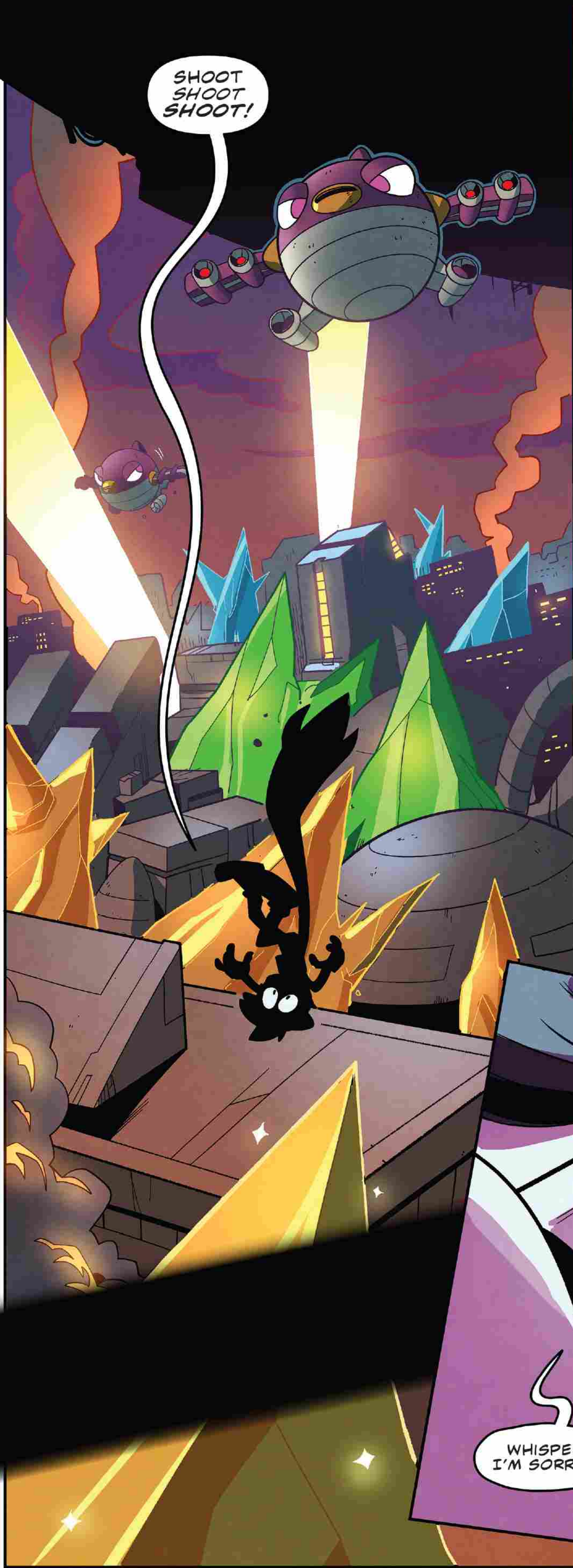
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Rogue Super Badnik.
Robot hunter.

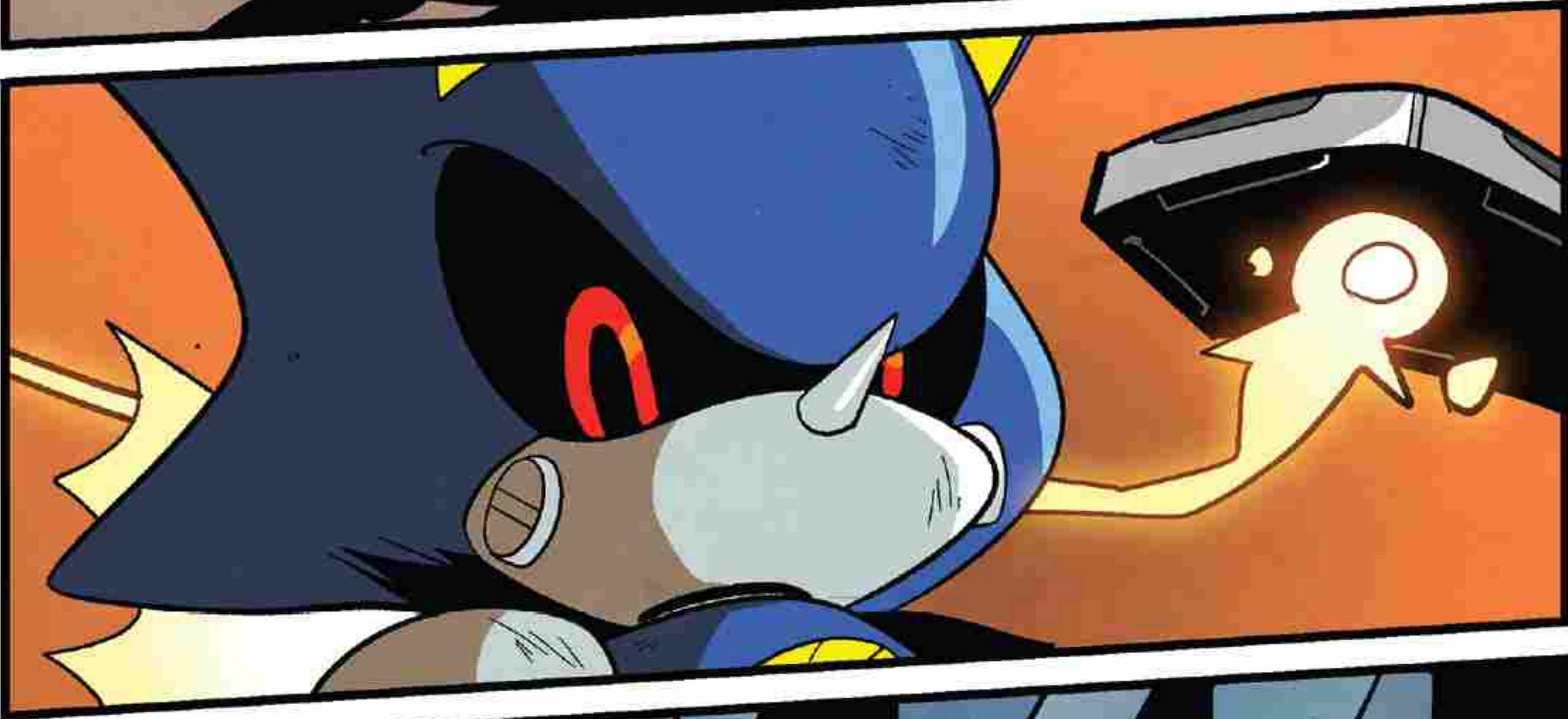
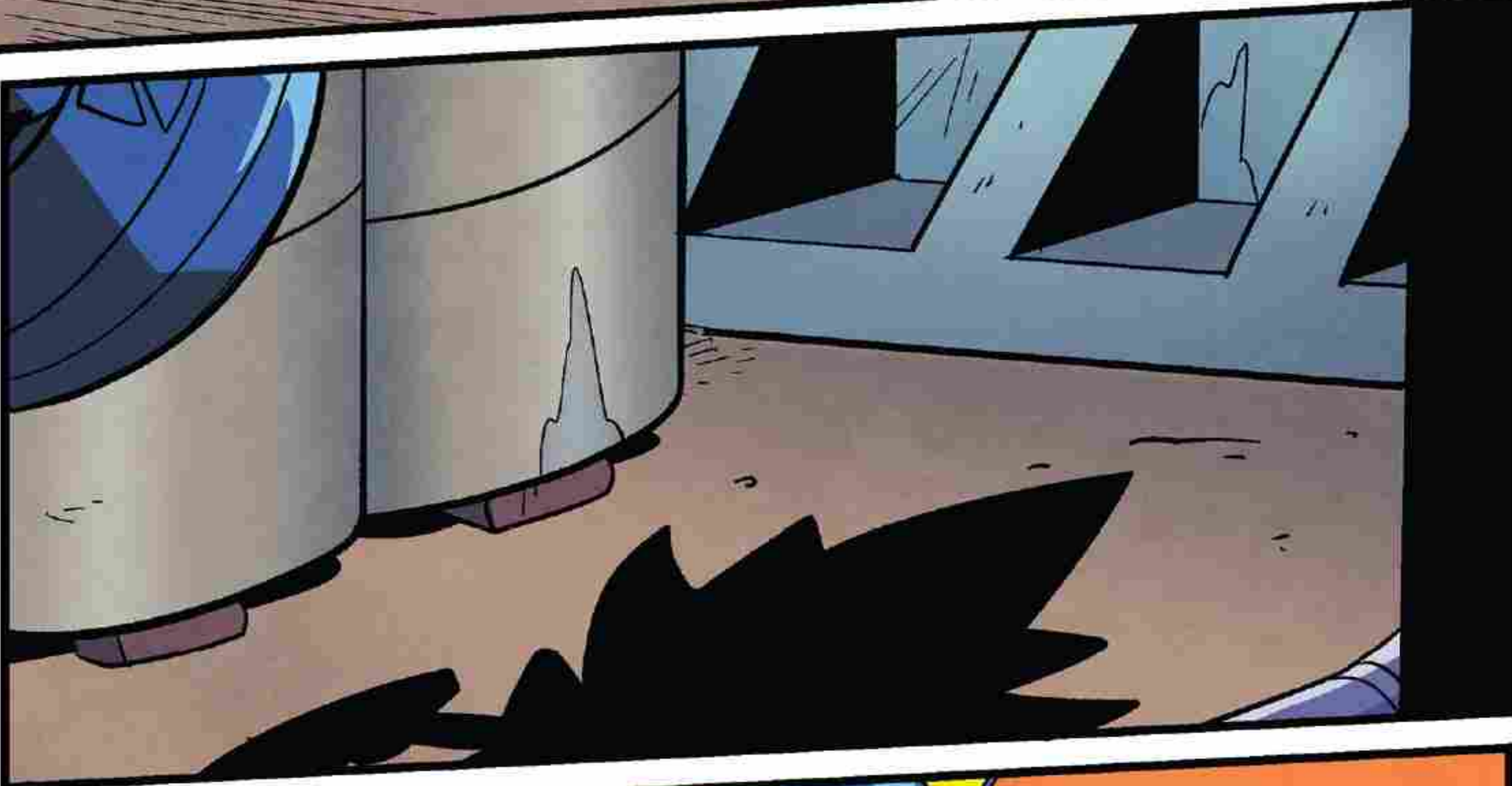


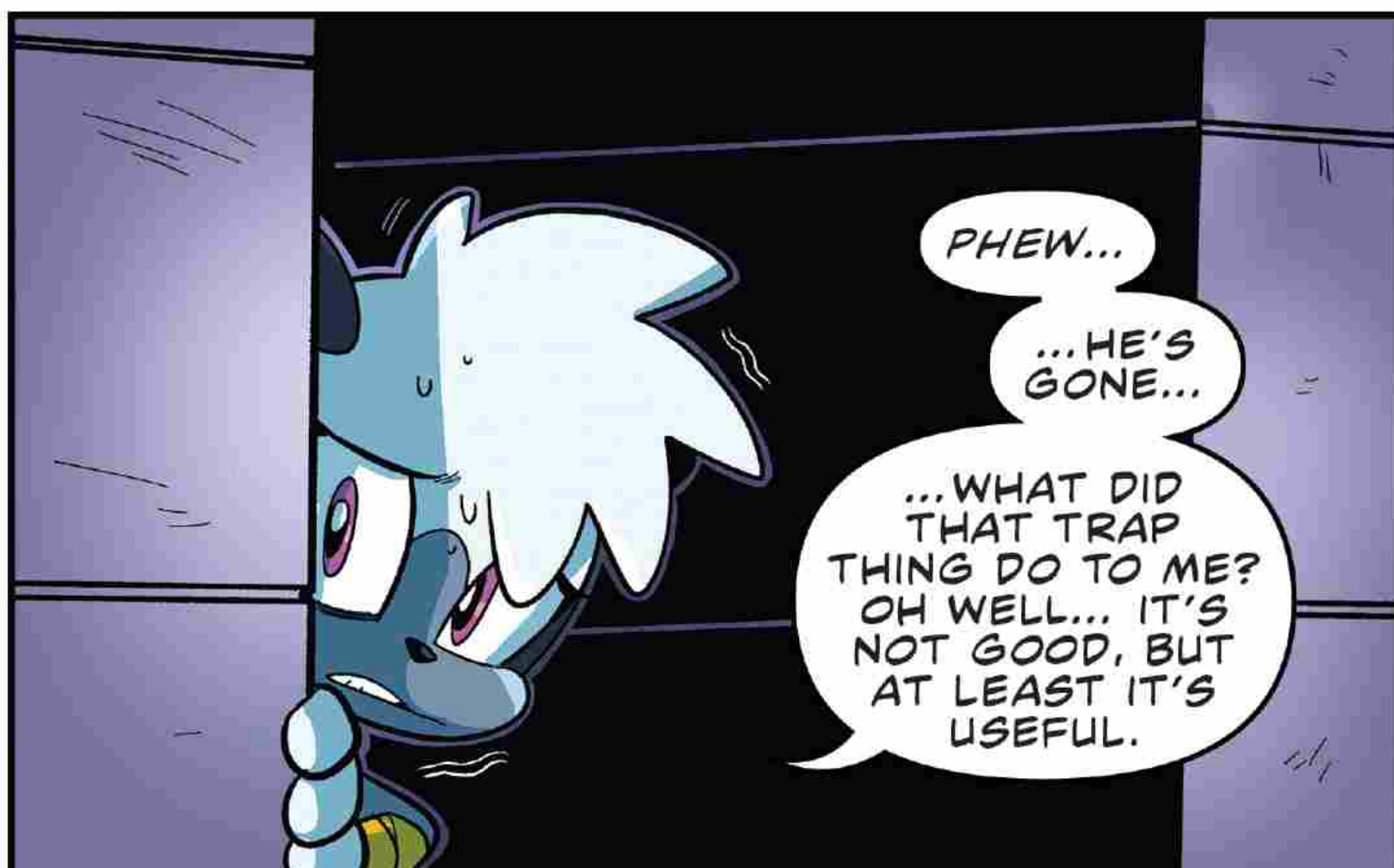
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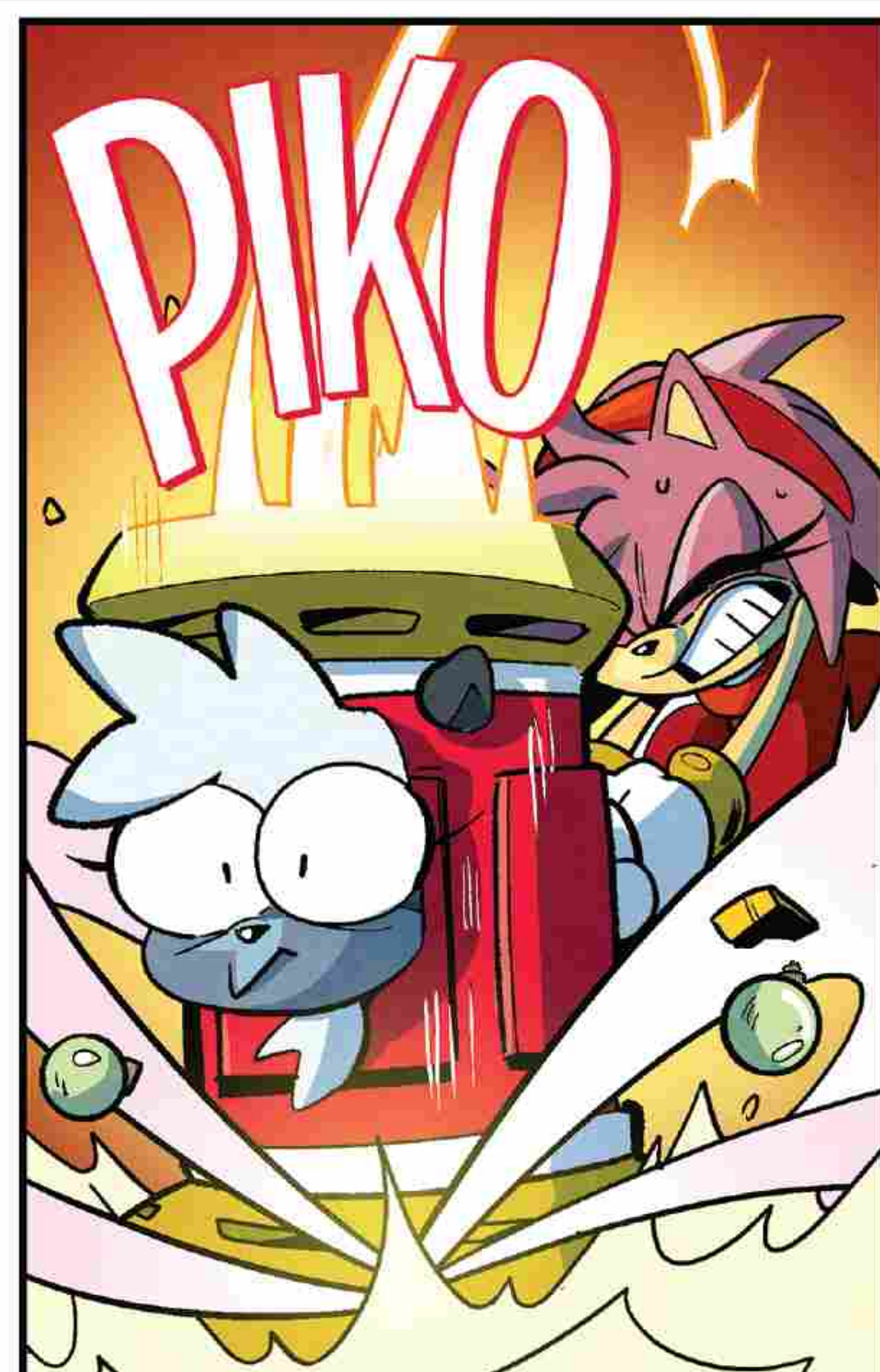
Mad Genius.
Egg enthusiast.

















"...WHERE'S SHADOW?"

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THIS IS THE SAME STREET AS BEFORE... YOU REALLY THINK HE'S STILL HERE?

HE'D BETTER BE, FOR ALL OUR SAKES.

QUIET. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT ENEMIES MAY STILL BE LURKING AROUND HERE.

IF ANY OF THOSE ANDROIDS WERE LEFT, WE WOULD HAVE SEEN THEM BY NOW.

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SWIPE

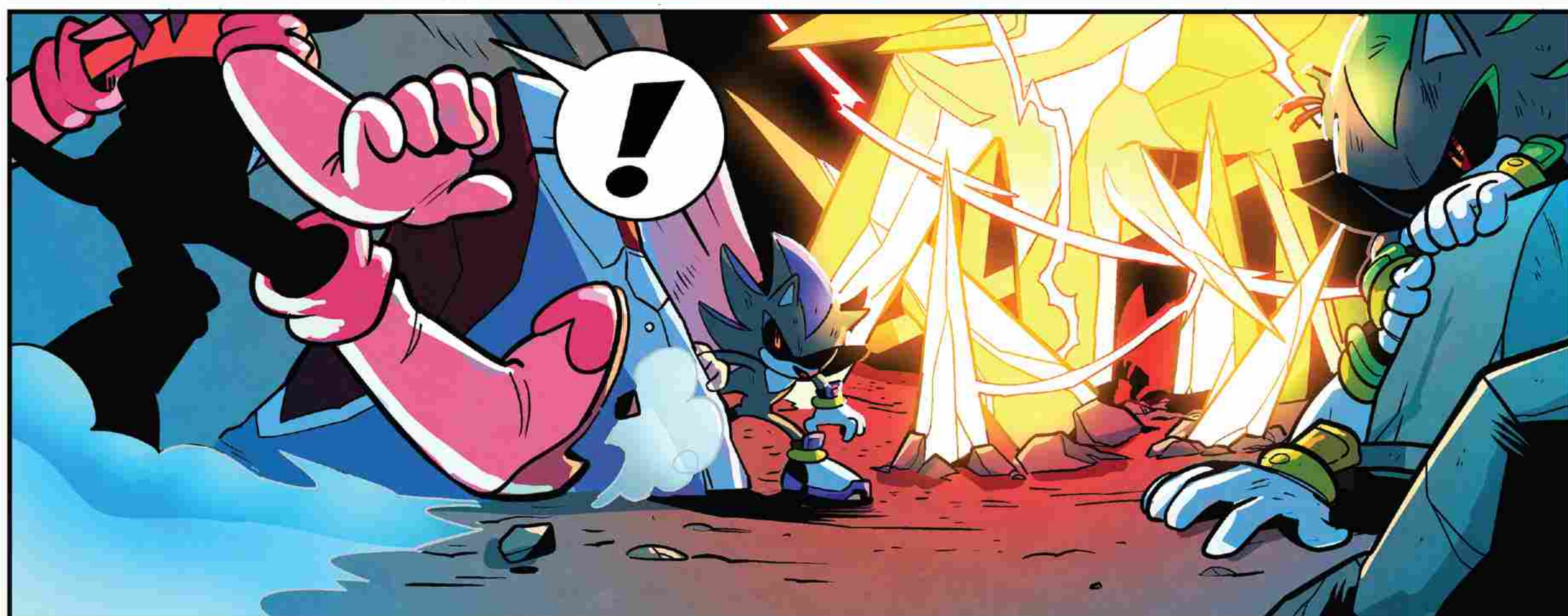
OMEGA!

THERE YOU ARE! STILL IN ONE PIECE THIS TIME, BIG GUY?

AFFIRMATIVE. AS SOON AS I AM FREE, I WILL EXACT MY REVENGE ON THIS TREACHEROUS TERRAIN.

WHUMMM

SHA-SHUNK





GOT IT!

OKAY. FIRST, WE BREAK INTO THE CONTROL ROOM. SECOND, TAILS DISABLES EGGMAN'S SAFEGUARDS FOR THE FAKE EMERALD POWER GRID.

THAT WAY, WE CAN RESCUE WHISPER AND LANOLIN. AND CRASHING THE SYSTEM WILL STOP THE CITY FROM GROWING, RIGHT?

YUP. OTHERWISE, THE CITY WILL KEEP EXPANDING FOREVER!

THAT'S MY HYPOTHESIS, AT LEAST. IF I STILL HAD THE MILES ELECTRIC, I'D KNOW FOR SURE...



I SAID IT WAS AN ACCI-- OOP!

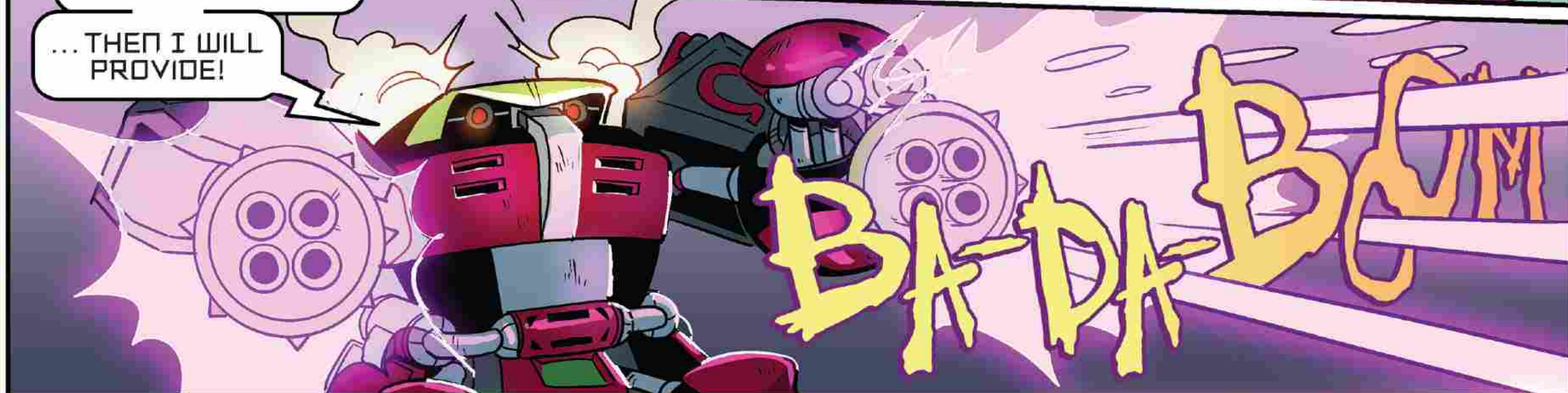
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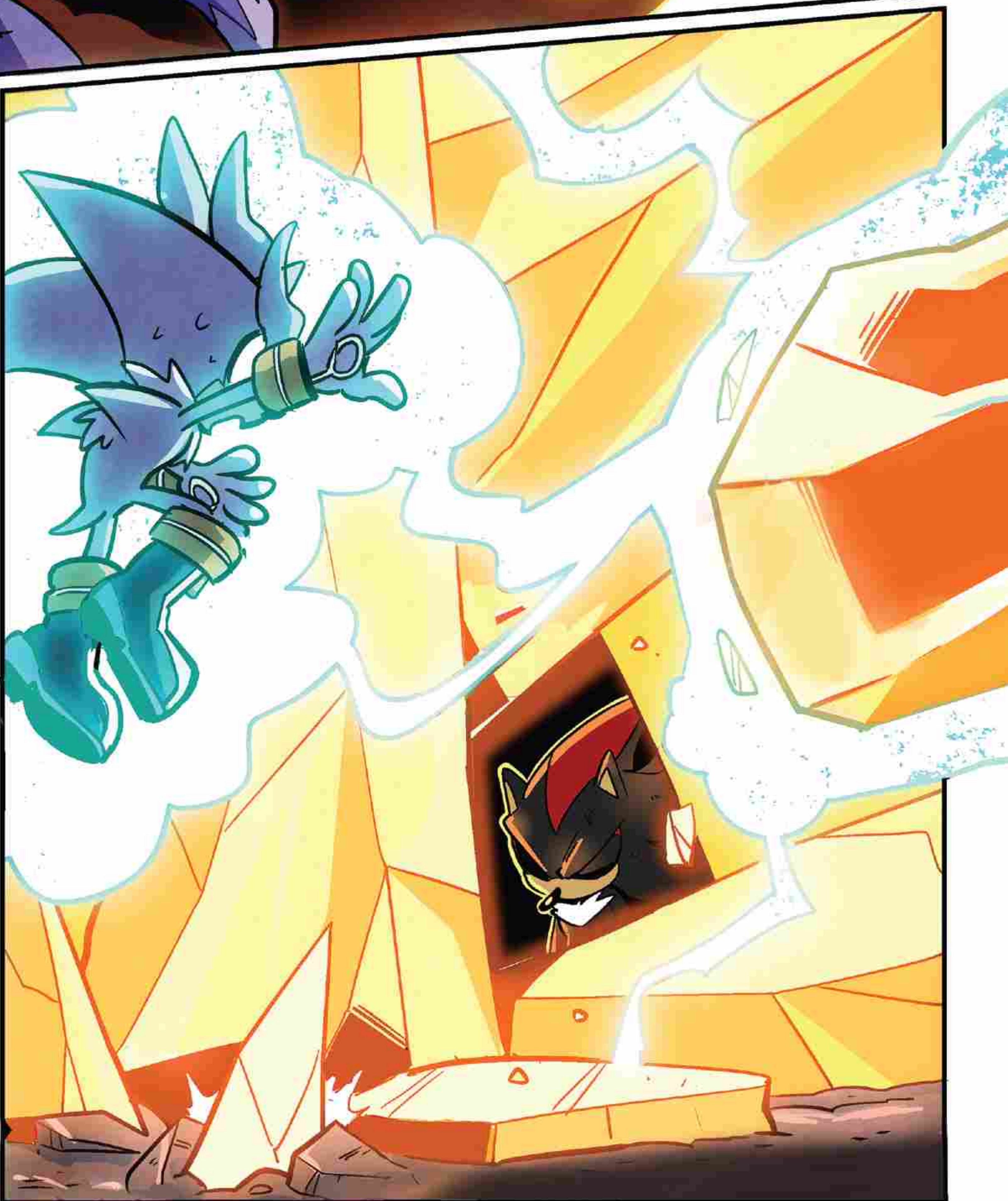
...I THINK I MIGHT HAVE AN IDEA.

GOING BY THE SOUND, I'D SAY SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THE CABLE SYSTEM. BUT WHAT?







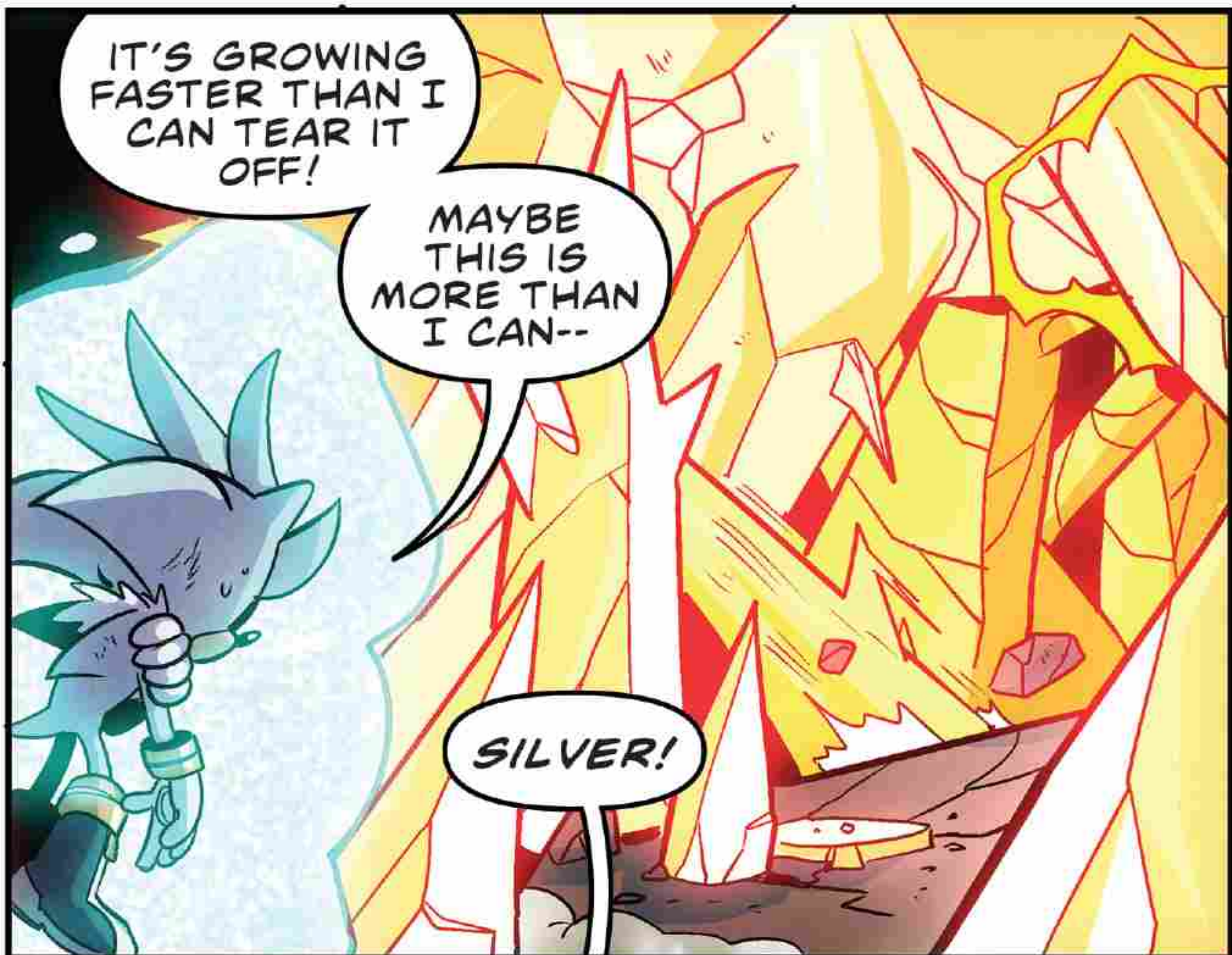




GYAH!



THIS IS BAD...



IT'S GROWING FASTER THAN I CAN TEAR IT OFF!

MAYBE THIS IS MORE THAN I CAN--

SILVER!



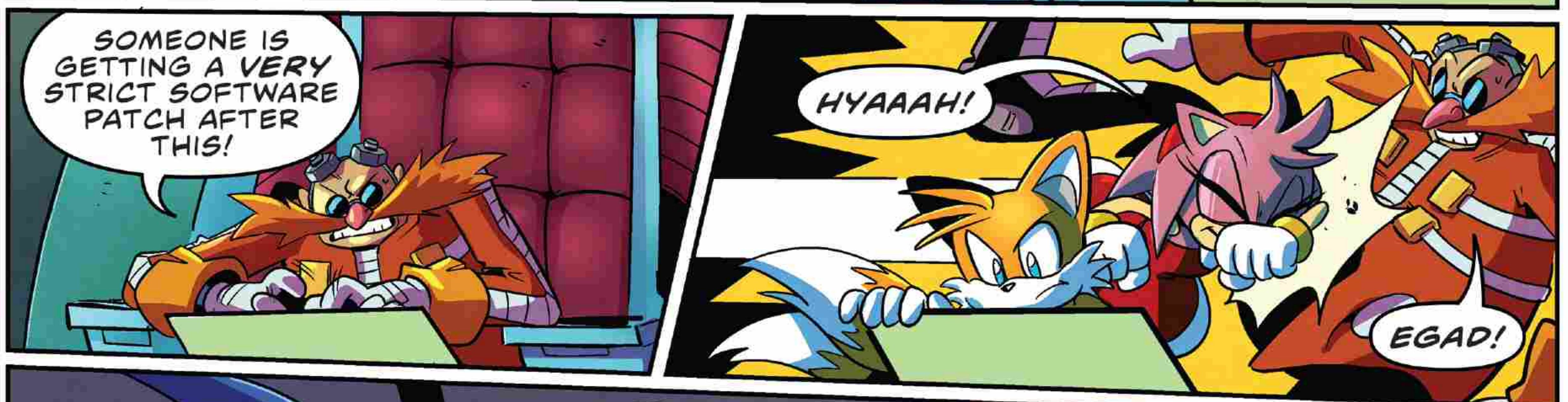
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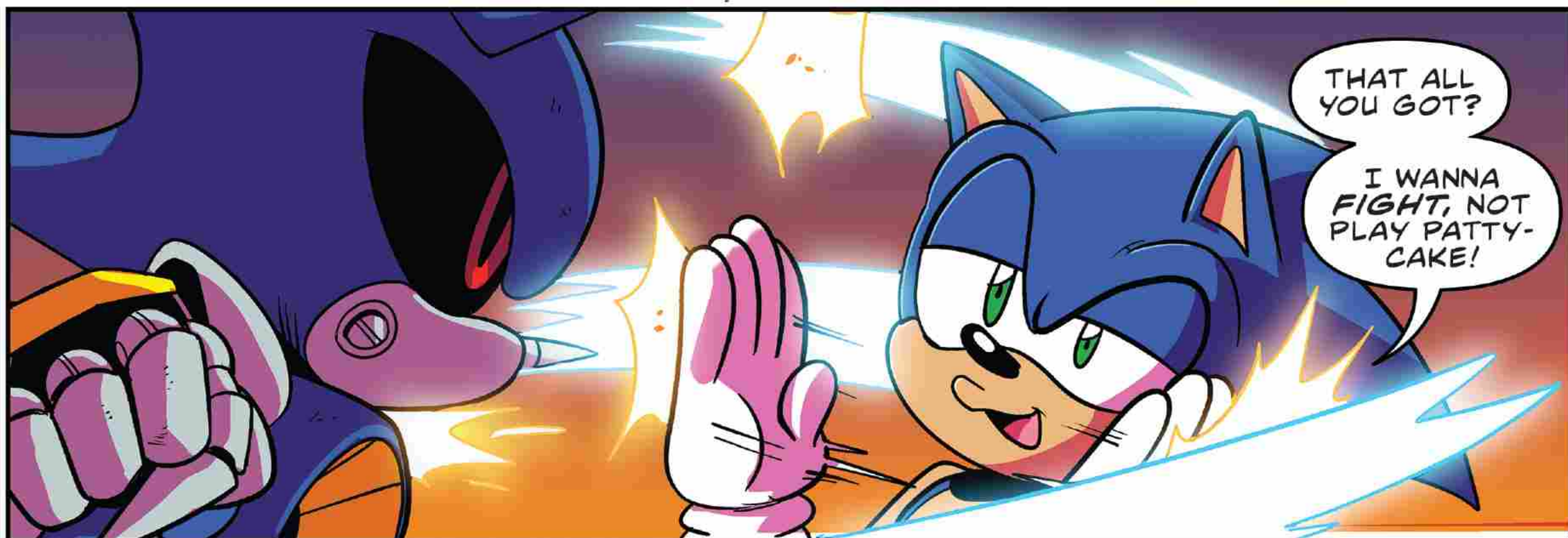


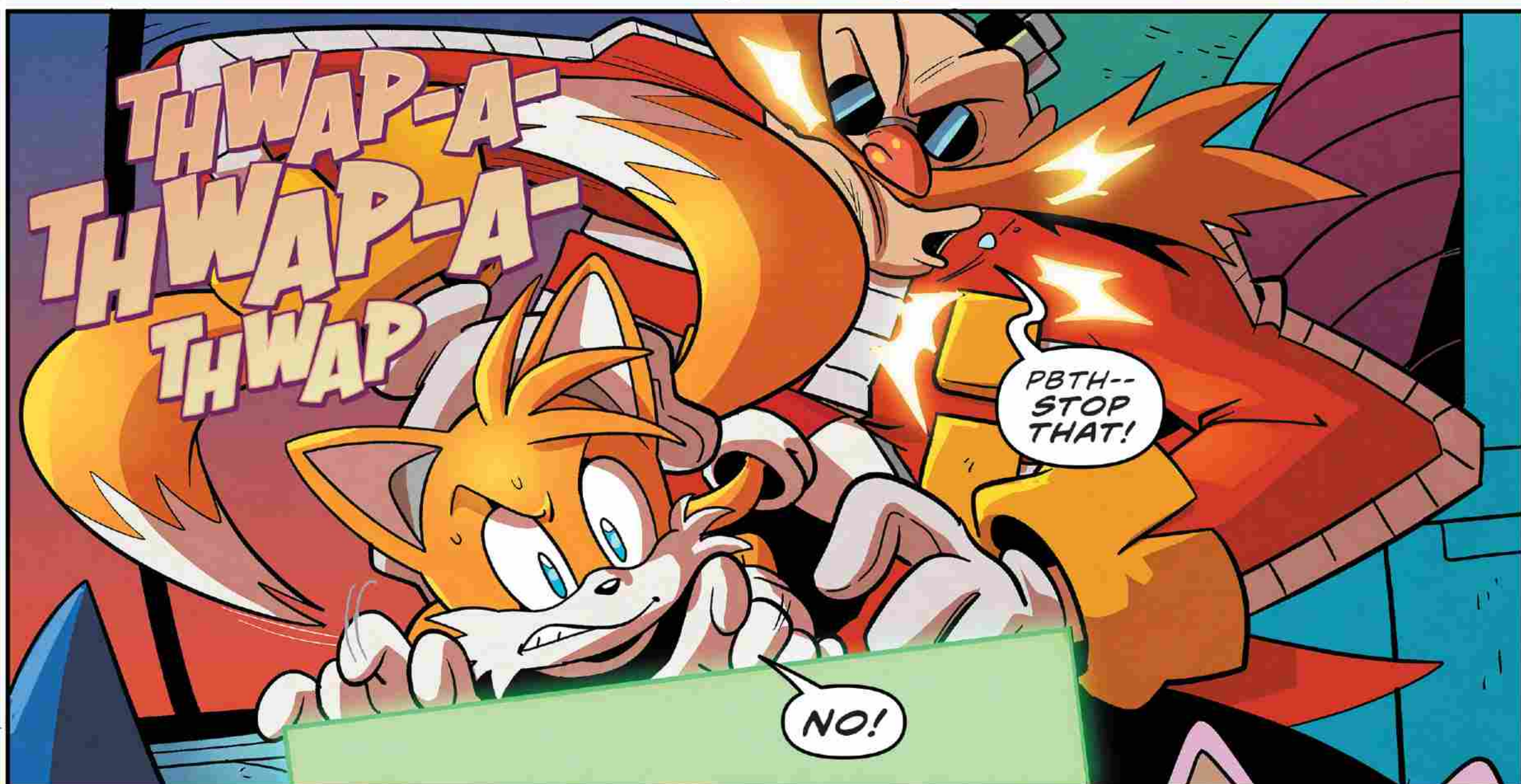
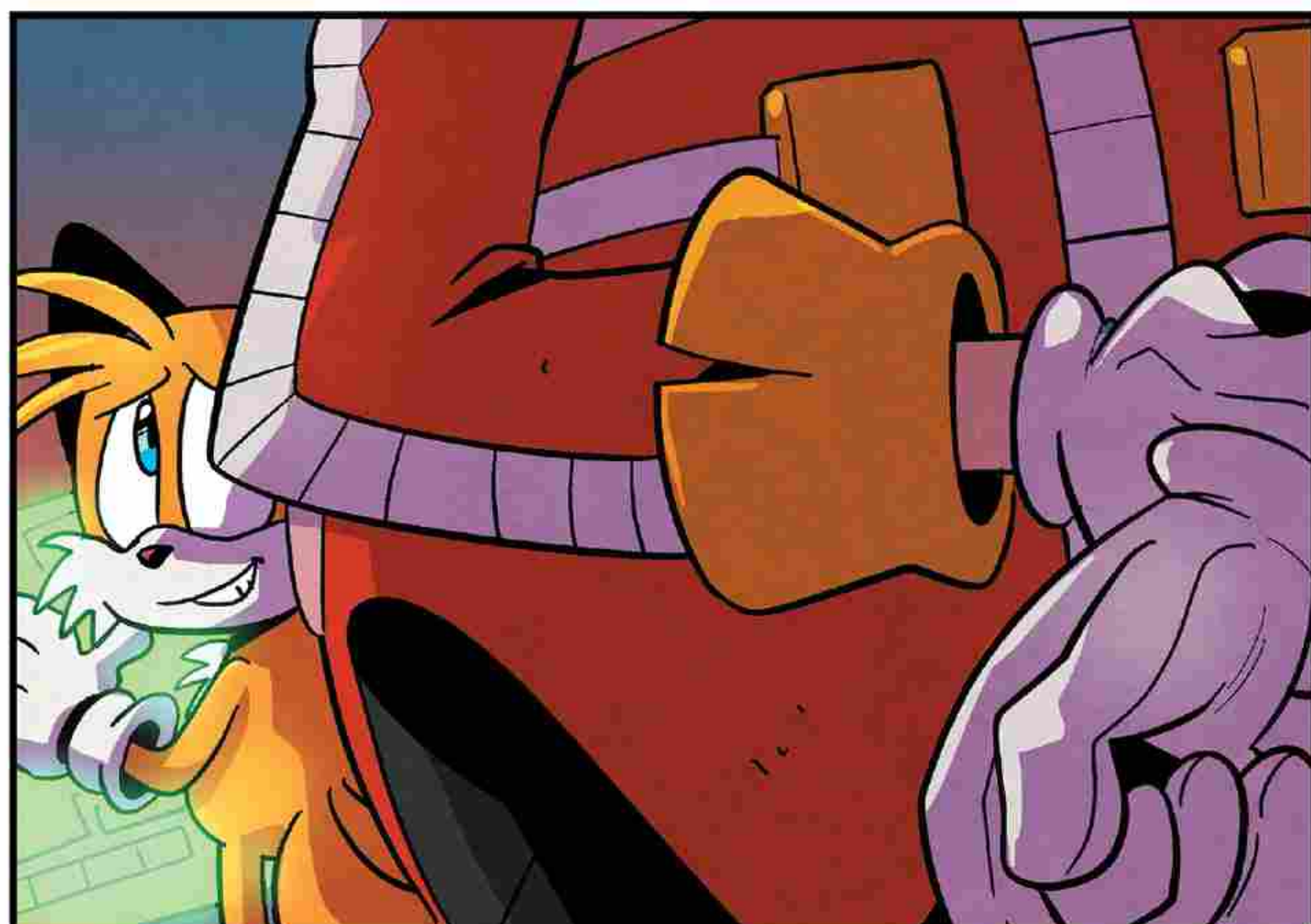
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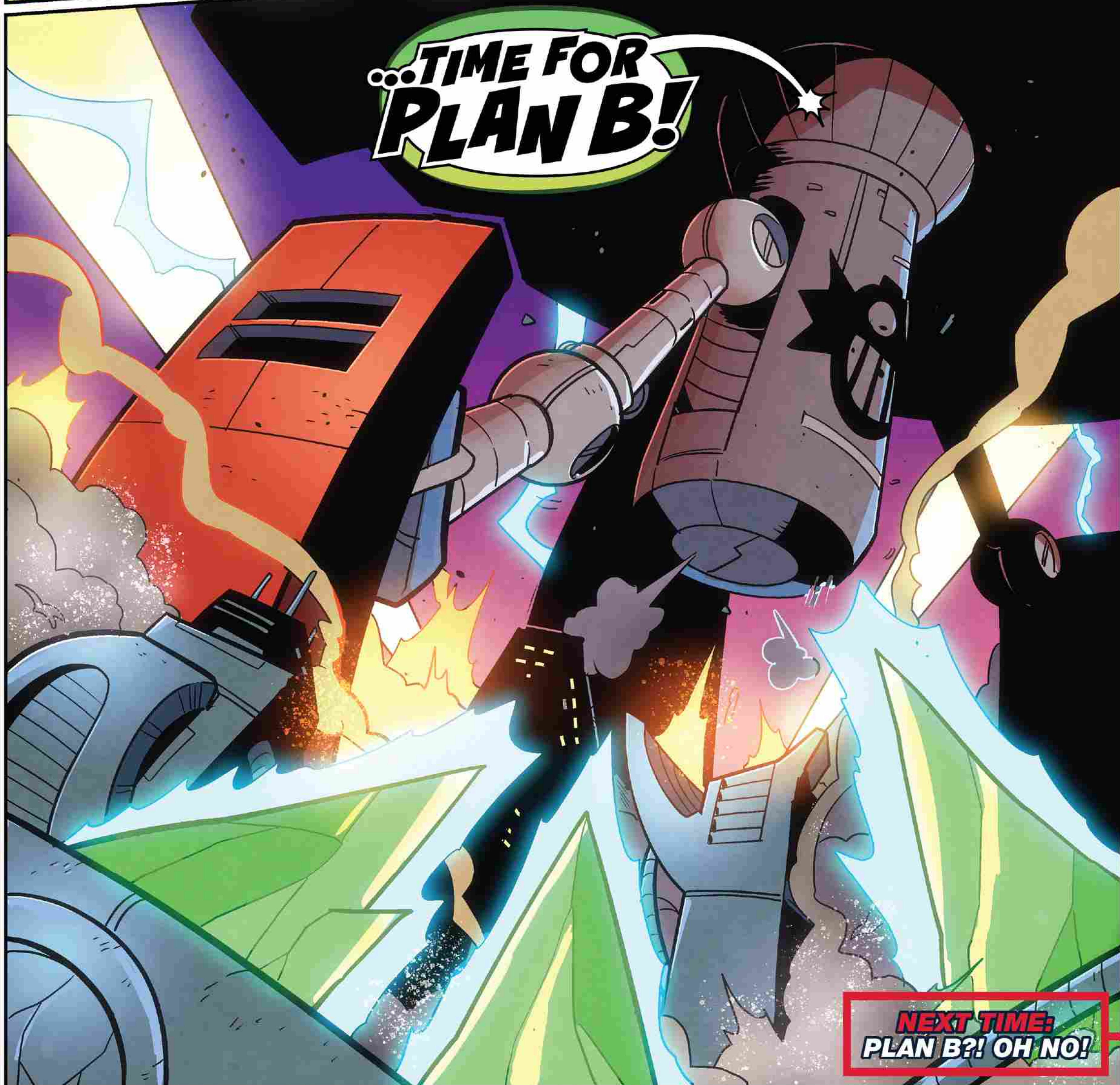
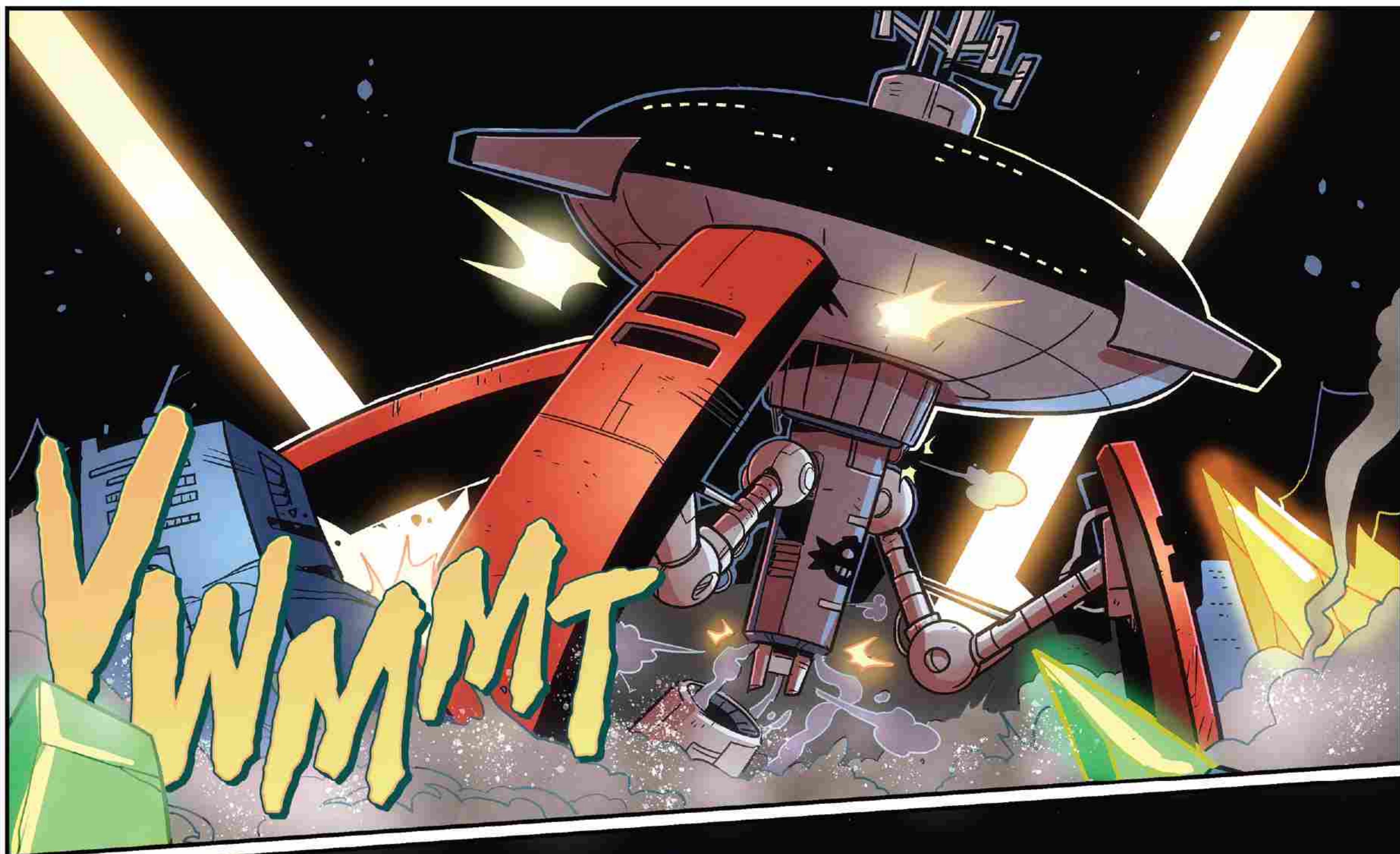


GET READY TO BE FREE, SHADOW, 'CAUSE I'M NOT GIVING UP THAT EASILY!









**NEXT TIME:
PLAN B?! OH NO!**



NEXT MONTH



MAURO FONSECA
JAN 2023

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LETTERS SQUAD



**Sturdy handshake* Hello, Sonic Squad! What do you think Dr. Eggman's plan B is? Bombs? Bats? B...eggs? Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Thomas Rothlisberger, John-Paul Bove, and Shawn Lee for issue #60! Now, let's take a look at your art and letters!*

Dear Sonic Team,

Hello, my name is John and I've known Sonic ever since I was 8 years old, with *Sonic the Hedgehog 2* being my first game ever completed.

I've enjoyed Sonic content since then and recently got around to reading the IDW comics with my friend.

We've been enjoying it a lot so far and have been amazed at the writing in the Metal Virus Saga and Imposter Syndrome arcs. It was a very impressive reading experience and one of my favorite parts of the comic. I really enjoyed the friendly relationship that Cream and Gemerl have.



Seeing Gemerl wanting to protect the bunny family was always heartwarming.

I wanted to ask, do you guys ever plan to make another arc with a world-threatening danger like the Metal Virus Saga had? And do you guys plan to do more with Surge and Kitsunami? I really enjoyed the characters and was wondering if we would see more of them.

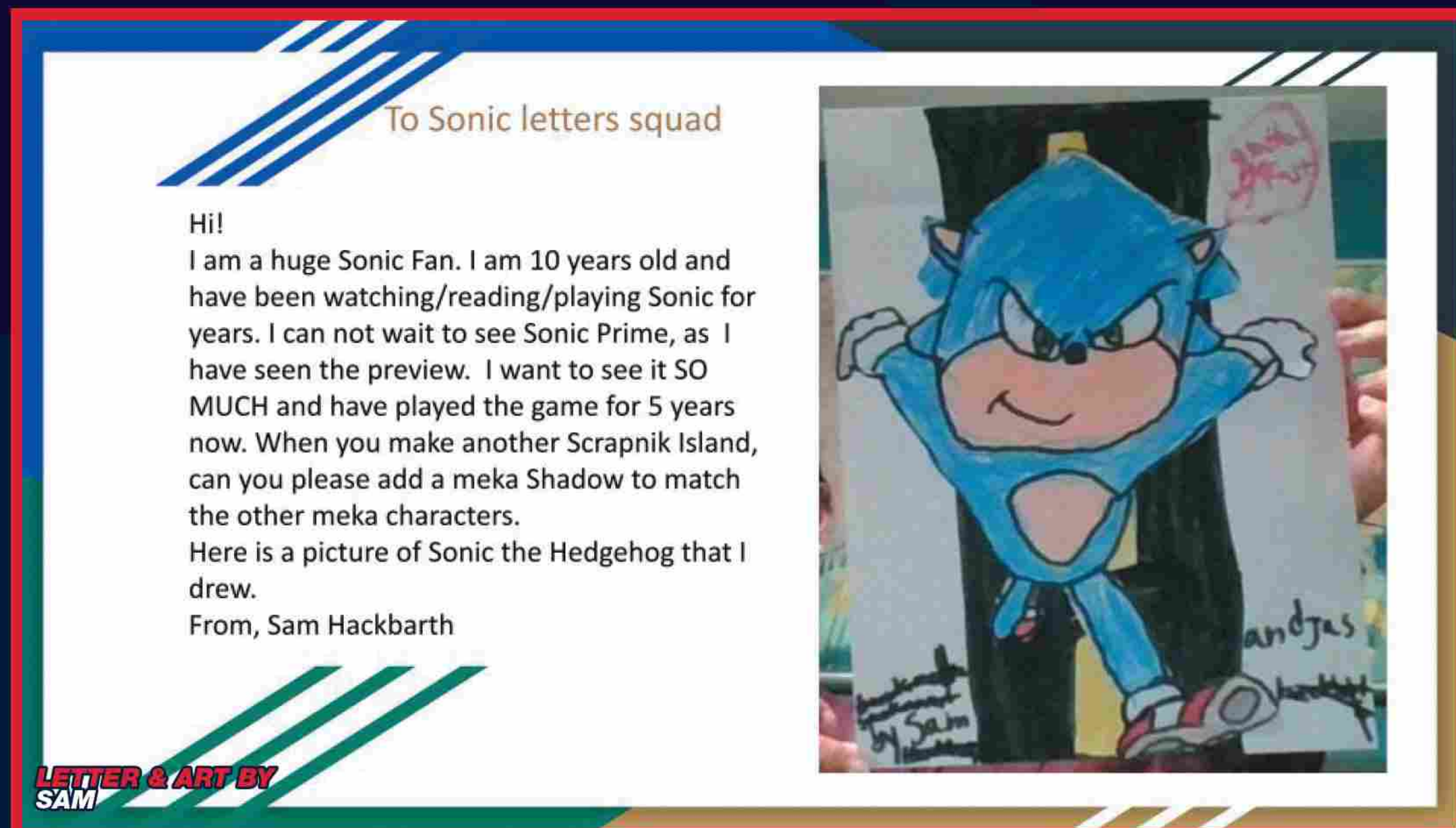
Thanks for everything, and I look forward to keeping up with the comics going on.



Dear John,

Thank you so much for your letter and art! I really love the texture of your drawing. It's so sweet and cute. And I'm so glad that you and your friend have enjoyed some of our more dramatic stories. Through sheer coincidence, the Metal Virus Saga ended up happening right before Covid-19 hit so...I'm afraid for Ian or Evan to write another world-threatening danger. What if they predict another real-life disaster?! They have too much power. (But I'm sure Sonic's world will be in danger again in no time.) And Surge and Kit will be back eventually! They're simply too much fun to get rid of.

I hope you and your friend keep reading and enjoying the comic!



Hi, Sam!

I love how you typed up your letter, thank you for making it so cool. The characters of Mecha Sonic and Knuckles were actually pulled from some old video games: Sonic & Knuckles and Sonic Advance. There have not been any other Mecha characters for us to pull from old video games and rust-ify. But...a Mecha Shadow would be cool. I guess the closest thing we have are the Shadow Androids from this arc! Maybe we could have a rusted Shadow Android and a rusted Tails Doll team up...



Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, pick up Sonic the Hedgehog #61 to find out if Eggman's plan involves begs!



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